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The Honorable Lucille Roybal-Allard
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Homeland Security
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Chuck Fleischmann
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Homeland Security
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Dear Chair and Ranking Member:

I am requesting funding for W.S. Stevens High School Disaster Shelter in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners, located at 9B East Jefferson Street, Quincy, FL 32351.

The funding would be used for the refurbishment of the Gadsden County W.S. Stevens High School Disaster Shelter through the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Funds. This project would be a valuable use of taxpayer's funds because there are no standalone disaster shelters in Gadsden County. Currently, Gadsden County schools serve as the disaster shelters, offering residences a tight window of time to stay prior to a disaster occurring and after the threat is over because the schools must re-open to resume classes and make necessary repairs. With these funds Gadsden County will construct a pet-friendly ADA disaster shelter housing up to 150-200 individuals. The project site can also be used as staging area to distribute FEMA disaster information, food, water, and other necessities, it will also provide wi-fi and a charging stations for residence to charge their mobile devices.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Al Lawson
Member of Congress